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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 81

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 33-23-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. **(a)** A senior judge:

- (1) exercises the jurisdiction granted to the court served by the senior judge;
- (2) may serve as a domestic relations mediator, subject to the code of judicial conduct;
- (3) serves at the pleasure of the supreme court; and
- (4) serves in accordance with rules adopted by the supreme court under IC 33-24-3-7.

A senior judge serving as a domestic relations mediator is not entitled to reimbursement or a per diem under section 5 of this chapter. A senior judge serving as a domestic relations mediator may receive compensation from the alternative dispute resolution fund under IC 33-23-6 in accordance with the county domestic relations alternative dispute resolution plan.

**(b) A senior judge appointed to serve in a county that has:**

- (1) a probate court;**
- (2) a circuit court; or**
- (3) a superior court judge;**

**may, with the consent of the probate court judge, the circuit court judge, or any judge of a superior court in the county, sit as the**



**judge of the consenting judge's court in any matter as if the senior judge were the elected judge or appointed judge of the court.**

SECTION 2. IC 33-38-15.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]:

**Chapter 15.2. Judges Pro Tempore**

**Sec. 1. A judge pro tempore serving in a county that has:**

- (1) a probate court;**
- (2) a circuit court; or**
- (3) a superior court judge;**

**may, with the consent of the probate court judge, the circuit court judge, or any judge of a superior court in the county, sit as the judge of the consenting judge's court in any matter as if the judge pro tempore were the elected judge or appointed judge of the court.**

**Sec. 2. A judge pro tempore may serve as a judge of a court regardless of whether the appointed or elected judge of the court is present and available in the building that contains the court.**

SECTION 3. IC 33-42-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2014, SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. The following may subscribe and administer oaths and take acknowledgments of all documents pertaining to all matters where an oath is required:

- (1) Notaries public.
- (2) An official court reporter acting under IC 33-41-1-6.
- (3) Justices and judges of courts ~~in their respective jurisdictions~~  
**anywhere in Indiana.**
- (4) The secretary of state.
- (5) The clerk of the supreme court.
- (6) Mayors, clerks, clerk-treasurers of towns and cities, and township trustees, in their respective towns, cities, and townships.
- (7) Clerks of circuit courts and master commissioners, in their respective counties.
- (8) Judges of United States district courts of Indiana, in their respective jurisdictions.
- (9) United States commissioners appointed for any United States district court of Indiana, in their respective jurisdictions.
- (10) A precinct election officer (as defined in IC 3-5-2-40.1) and an absentee voter board member appointed under IC 3-11-10, for any purpose authorized under IC 3.
- (11) A member of the Indiana election commission, a co-director of the election division, or an employee of the election division



under IC 3-6-4.2.

(12) County auditors, in their respective counties.

(13) Any member of the general assembly anywhere in Indiana.

(14) The adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, specific active duty members, reserve duty members, or civilian employees of the Indiana National Guard designated by the adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, for any purpose related to the service of an active or reserve duty member of the Indiana National Guard.



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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